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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SON SANN PROPOSAL CONCERNING SIHANOUK VISIT TO
QUEEN IN PHNOM PENH

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 10173; B. PARIS 24961

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA
BOLLE, WHO SAID GOF HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED REPORT
FROM PHNOM PENH INDICATING QUEEN KOSSAMAK WAS NOW
"ON THE MEND" (AS REPORTED REF A). BOLLE ADDES
THAT QUEEN'S MORALE APPEARED TO BE BASIC PROBLEM,
AND ARRIVAL OF GRAND-DAUGHTER BOPHA DEVI FROM HONG
KONG HAD RAISED HER SPIRITS. BOLLE SAID FRENCH
DOCTOR SAW QUEEN DAILY AND THEY EXPECTED TO KEEP
GOOD TRACK OF HER STATE OF HEALTH.

2. BOLLE SAID THAT SON SANN HAD ALSO TELEPHONED
QUAI WITH SAME SUGGESTION OF GESTURE TO SIHANOUK
(REF B). BOLLE SAID GOF VIEW WAS THAT THE
IMPROVED CONDITION OF QUEEN -- QUITE DIFFERENT
FROM THE VIEW OF HER HEALTH WHICH PROMPTED SON
SANN'S PROPOSAL -- MADE IT UNDESIRABLE FOR ANY
APPROACH TO BE MADE TO SIHANOUK CONCERNING HIS
POSSIBLE RETURN TO PHNOM PENH. BOLLE SAID THAT
SIHANOUK HAD BEEN KEPT INFORMED IN GENERAL
TERMS OF QUEEN'S HEALTH AND WAS AWARE OF THE
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MORE OPTIMISTIC PROGNOSIS.

3. WE ASSUME THAT IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, EMBASSY
PHNOM PENH AND DEPARTMENT WILL APPROVE OUR TELLING

SON SANN THAT IMPROVED STATE OF QUEEN'S HEALTH
MAKES HIS PROPOSAL UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE INSTRUCT.
IRWIN

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